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Elba man arrested on multiple charges, including possession of a controlled substance

Députies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested an Elba man early Sunday morning, Feb. 26 on multiple charges including possession of a controlled substance.

D'Anthony Brown, age 44, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 4:16 a.m. Sunday morning, according to county jail records. His charges included: DUI combined substance [\$1,000 bond],



stolen property - second degree [\$15,000 bond]. He also is being held on a felony probation violation charge [no bond set].

Brown remains in the Coffee County Jail at this time.



Elba senior Faith Adcock was crowned the 2023 Miss Elba last Saturday night, Feb. 25, at the Elba High School auditorium. Above, she takes her first walk as the new Miss Elba after being crowned by 2022 Miss Elba Zafie McKelvy. A group photo of all the new Miss Elba queens can be found on Page 2.

A TNA Impact Wrestling Event

"Rumble on the River" returning Friday night to Elba High School

Live action wrestling returns this Friday, March 3, to the Elba High School gymnasium with professional TNA Impact Wrestling delivering the entertainment.

The 2nd Annual Rumble on the River wrestling event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the wrestling event, there will be an "autograph party" Friday afternoon from 3:50 p.m. at Elba Food Giant.

"These are all contract wrestlers through the WWE," event organizer Al Gilmore said. "This is basically a minor league farm system for professional wrestlers. They are all 'under contract' wrestlers working their way up to 'prime time' or returning from an injury."

Once the wrestling action gets underway Friday night at the high school gym, the show will include a Lucha Libre match featuring Antonio Garza against Mysterio De Alabama. A special event match will feature WWE/TNA Impact superstar Johnny Swinger against The Mercenary, and there will be a special appearance by WWE superstar Doink the Clown, and the Giant Hillbilly.

The U.S. Junior Title Match will feature a favor-

possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$6,000 bond] and receiving

stolen property - second degree [\$15,000 bond]. He also is being held on a felony probation violation charge [no bond set].

Brown remains in the Coffee County Jail at this time.



Mayor Tom Maddox presents 'key to the city' to Elba native Dr. Henry Terry during Black History Month concert

Elba Elementary School hosted the George Washington Carver High School Concert Choir on Tuesday morning, Feb. 28, for a Black History Month concert (pictured above). The choir is led by Elba native Dr. Henry Terry.

Dr. Terry graduated from Elba High School in 1982. He has been employed the past 33 years in the Montgomery, Alabama public school district. Dr. Terry believes it is imperative that all educators prepare to meet all students' learning needs as the U.S. demographics and the multitude of cultures continue to change.

During Tuesday's event, which was held at the Elba High School auditorium, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox presented a symbolic 'key to the city' to Dr. Terry (pictured right).

During the concert, Dr. Terry played piano while James McTier conducted the choir. Dr. Terry's concert choir is renowned across the state and country.



Elba City and Coffee County Schools receive funds from Southeast Gas 'Give Back to Schools' program

Southeast Gas recently announced its 2023 Give Back to Schools contribution of \$137,000 to 20 public school systems in Alabama, and the school systems in Coffee County were among the recipients.

To date, local public schools received more than \$1.7 million through the Give Back to Schools initiative and the more natural gas a school system uses, the more dollars that system receives. This program was established by Southeast Gas and its Board of Directors in 2010 and provides funding to 20 public school systems in Alabama, and the school systems in Coffee County were among the recipients.

Give Back to Schools is just one way Southeast Gas is committed to building stronger communities.

Southeast Gas President and CEO Greg Henderson says the company's commitment to serve reaches well beyond these contributions, though.

"With a foundation of service, our Board and employees meet needs in ways I could never imagine. Sometimes that looks like physically spending time helping schools improve their athletic facilities," he said. "Other times it looks like volunteering side-by-side with students as they explore potential careers in the natural gas industry. And, then there are the days like these when we're making financial investments in our schools."

Board members work alongside Superintendents in each school system to determine the best way for funds to be allocated.

"As a former educator, I understand the value of our school systems and the impact our local teachers, staff, and administrators make on students and the community," said Southeast Gas Board Chair and Andalusia City Councilman Kenneth Mount. "Much of our funding this year is allocated to technology advancements



Elba City Council member Gappa Wise (left) serves on the Southeast Gas board, and he recently presented Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right) with a check from the 2023 Southeast Gas 'Give Back to Schools' program. This year, the program contributed \$137,000 total to 20 public school systems.

Local schools are a critical component to community success. Southeast Gas also sponsors the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship, a competitive scholarship program for high school seniors attending public schools currently served by Southeast Gas. The scholarships are

awarded each year.

Last year 23 students received 2022 Community Service Scholarship. Applications for the 2023 scholarship are available on-line at the company's website

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Southeast Gas board member Gappa Wise (second from left) recently presented a check to Coffee County Schools from the Southeast Gas 'Give Back to Schools' program. The funds were presented by Wise to Holli Richardson, principal of New Brockton Elementary School for use at the Coffee County School. Also pictured is Gray Harrison (left), a Coffee County School System district administrator, and Mitch Thorn (right), an employee of Southeast Gas.

Area Happenings

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Alabama Works will host an ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair on Thursday, March 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Elba High School. This is open to the public. Space is limited to 25 employers. Register at: <https://seaw.me/ElbaJobFair2023>

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, March 2, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., Elba. This meeting is open to the public.

The Elba Lions Club will host its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Saturday, March 4, from 6-10 a.m., at the National Security Group Conference Center. A donation of \$5 per plate is requested. Dine-in or takeout.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package." – John Ruskin

Was reading some catchy comments about marriage recently and one noted the advantage of having someone to blame for missing socks. Well, that one we can relate to. We have been living alone now for just over two years since Heddy's death and the socks continue to disappear and who can we blame – but ourself or the washing machine! We have even counted them – going into the washer and coming out, and have and even number coming out but . . . two of that group will not have a mate.

Our book reading is going slow these days, as this Abe Lincoln history is so detailed that we 'crawl' down the pages, trying to absorb ALL the details. Alas, that is not only hard to do, but virtually impossible. Having always been a speed reader and knew what we had read at the end of the day, this is hard to accept. We read slower, try to focus on the material and still . . . well got another birthday coming up and will just blame it on 'old age'. However, reading a good book is enjoyable and it will be continued.

The U. S. Supreme Court is this week hearing the pros and cons on the legality of the feds forgiving up to \$20,000 in federal college loans for most of those who have such debt. Those watching the proceedings are alarmed that the judges are apparently questioning how the Education Department has the authority to forgive those loans. If that means they will rule the offer illegal without Congressional approval, those who were upset over the recent abortion ruling will be joined by thousands of mad former students (and maybe parents) who were counting on getting that freebie from the government. Our opinion on that is thousands of former college students have repaid their loans and moved on with their life. Plus as we have written before, many of those loans were spent on trips to the beach during spring holidays . . . We saw them passing through town and heard them laughing about their 'loan money' buying the gas and/or the beer. That implies they could have gotten by with a much smaller federal loan and thus lower monthly payments.

The Elba High girls' basketball team was the talk of the town recently as the team made its way up the ladder toward the state championship. That all came to a halt Monday as the score came down to a tie moments before the end of the game but the lady Tigers lost at the final whistle. They can hold their head high, as there were dozens of teams around the state wishing they had reached the semi-finals!

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2023 MISS ELBA QUEENS

CROWNED...The 2023 Miss Elba Pageants were held Saturday night, Feb. 25, from the Elba High School auditorium. Queens were crowned in seven categories. The newly crowned Miss Elba Queens are: (front, left to right) Petite Miss Elba Olivia Grantham, Young Miss Elba Ellison Eldridge, Little Miss Elba Kayleigh Smith, and Future Little Miss Elba Aubrielle Sims; (back, left to right) Teen Miss Elba Shaylee Johnson, Miss Elba Faith Adcock, and Junior Miss Elba Keelie Moseley.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

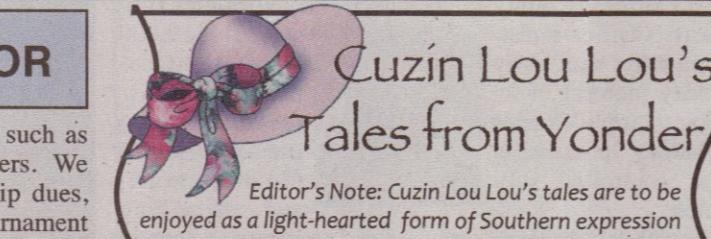
To the Members of the
Elba High School Class
of 1972:

On behalf of the board officers and members of the Elba High School Alumni Association, I extend a heartfelt thank you to you all for your generous donation of \$500 made recently to our association.

The Elba High School Alumni Association was formed to be an asset/resource for Elba City Schools. Each year, the association provides \$3,000 in scholarship monies to graduating seniors [*\$1,500 scholarship for a male graduate and a \$1,500 scholarship for a female graduate*]. To this date, over \$21,000 has been provided in scholarship monies, and we plan to add to that total in May.

On top of that, the association's board works closely with the schools, and strives to assist with needs that may arise throughout each school year. We are only able to accomplish these things through

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the Editor



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Sister has gotten back on her low carb diet recently to help with her blood sugar levels, and she has convinced Cuzin Lou Lou to at least make an attempt at cutting some carbs from her diet as well.

Lou Lou will admit she actually feels better on the days she "cuts the carbs" from her food intake, but there are still those other days when those pesky things are just too enticing to avoid!

Earlier this week, Papa was gone during lunch-

time, so, Lou Lou 'fixed'

low-carb-friendly lunch for

she and Sister. Lou Lou ate

before Sister got home for

lunch, and being bit on the

hungry side, she slipped

some crackers in with her

meal. She got rid of the

evidence before Sister got

there, but to no avail...Sister

'guessed'

that Lou Lou had eaten crackers with her

meal.

Some habits are just hard

to break...Lou Lou is just a

work in progress.

Until next time...God Bless

and Keep Smiling.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, and Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Harassing communications reported at 94 County Rd 263 (3:43 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one citation.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 –

Suspicious person reported at 816 Putnam St (12:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 189 (1:09 a.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Thursday, Feb. 23 – Animal complaint reported at 156 County Rd 263 – w/impound (8:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 638-N Claxton Ave – w/impound (12:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1131 Guyton St (1:38 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 595 Collier St (3:31 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1131 Guyton St (3:43 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Caroline St (9:00 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1026 Caroline St (10:16 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one written warning, three citations, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Feb. 24 – Domestic complaint reported on Beaver Dam St (12:08 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Powell Circle (1:31 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 94 County Rd 403 (9:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 721 N Claxton Ave (11:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 200 Buford St (3:26 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Fox Dr (10:11 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, and two verbal warnings.

Saturday, Feb. 25 – Disturbance reported at 529 Adkinson Ave (12:25 a.m.); Grass fire reported on Hwy 125 (9:54 a.m.); Harassment reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (5:57 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 2858 Hwy 125 (7:31 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, two written warnings, and one citation.

Sunday, Feb. 26 – Report of shots fired in area of Tiger Town (4:55 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Adkinson Ave (8:28 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in one arrest, three verbal warnings, three written warnings, two citations, and one assistance rendered.

Monday, Feb. 27 – Suspicious person reported at 1125 Morrow Ave (7:54 a.m.); Theft of property reported on West St (8:12 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 971 Smith Ave (9:28 a.m.); Grass fire reported at 550 County Rd 502 (9:58 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 650 N Claxton Ave (1:10 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 118 Stroud Ave (1:30 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1058 Morrow Ave (3:40 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 816 Putnam St (3:55 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1119 Guyton St (5:06 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in advice given.

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Annual Rumble on the River are on sale online at GoFan.co – just search Elba High School events. Ringside tickets are \$20 each [there is a limited number available], and general admission tickets are \$10 each. There will be concessions available during the event.

Some tickets will be available for purchase the night of the event, Gilmore said; however, he said it is possible the ringside tickets could sell out prior to the event date since those are first come, first serve. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Elba High School football program.

Gilmore wanted to thank several event sponsors that have helped bring the wrestling event to Elba, including: ADC, Annie's Café, Bryan Pharmacy, City of Elba, Cook Chevrolet, Cutts Restaurant, Danny Lynn, Dorsey Trailer, EDSO, Guns R Us, H&H Tractor/Equipment, Lake Realty, Southern Tractor Company, Subway of Elba, Wayne Farms, Fulford Realty, Cotter Law Firm, Geneva County CoOp, PowerSouth, Williams Auto, National Security, Rusty's Feed and Seed, Son Exposure Christian Bookstore, Melissa Wood Accounting, and Bradshaw Pest Control.

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(southeastgas.com) and are due by March 10, 2023.

School systems impacted by the Southeast Gas Give Back to Schools initiative are: Andalusia City Schools, Butler County Schools, Coffee County Schools, Covington County Schools, Crenshaw County Schools, Dale County Schools, Daleville City Schools, Dothan City Schools, Elba City Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Eufaula City Schools, Henry County Schools, Houston County Schools, Lowndes County Schools, Opp City Schools, Ozark City Schools, Pike County Schools, Pike Road Schools, Russell County Schools and

Troy City Schools.

In addition to the direct financial support, Southeast Gas employees volunteer dozens of hours each year to improve many of the campuses through construction assistance, landscaping, painting, gas appliance maintenance, light carpentry, tutoring, mentoring and many other activities.

Southeast Gas provides natural gas service to 36 communities throughout Southeast Alabama, and is owned by 14 cities - Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.



The Elba branch of Troy Bank and Trust was celebrated during the month of February as the "Business of the Month" for the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are Elba branch employees with the business of the month sign that was displayed at the TB&T building entrance throughout the month of February.

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Obituaries

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AGNES ERLENE GRANTHAM

Ms. Agnes Erlene Grantham, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at Newbia Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Gladys Marler.

Survivors include her son: Kenneth Grantham, Elba; grandson: Neil (DeAnn) Grantham, Elba; granddaughter: Reese Grantham, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and great-granddaughter: Parrish Grantham, Elba.

LAVERAL PRITCHETT

Mrs. Laveral Pritchett, age 90, of Leesburg, Ga., died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023.

She was born Sept. 19, 1932 in Coffee County, Ala. and lived there for

56 years. She moved to Dothan, Ala. in 1988 and resided there until 2012 when she relocated to Leesburg.

Laveral was employed as a seamstress for several years.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., in Sunset Funeral Home Chapel (Dothan, Ala.) with Rev. Tim Willis officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Leesburg United Methodist Church Building Fund, PO Box 207, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Laveral was preceded in death by her parents, Ellis and Barbara Wilson Adkins; her husband, Grover "Bill" Kelley; her son, Billy Kelley; her second husband, Elvin Pritchett; and her step grandson, Justin Childers.

Survivors include her son: Gary (Kathleen) Kelley; step daughters: Karla (Tim) Johnson, and Karon McDaniel; her grandchildren: Matthew Kelly and Amanda Kelly; her step grandchildren: Chris Morris, Kristie White, Amy Granberry, and Daniel Massey; along with her great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

JOHNNY MACK COLE
Mr. Johnny Mack Cole of New Brockton, Ala. died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at

1614 County Road 359 Elba, AL 36323

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Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, in New Brockton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Steven was born in Opp, Ala. on August 20, 1969, to the late Bert and Sherrie Foster.

Steve graduated from New Brockton High School in May of 1987 and joined the United States Army in December, 1987. He honorably discharged years later.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Sherrie Foster; sisters, Janice Foster and Rosa Mary Walker; and brothers, Bert Foster Jr. and Don Foster; grandparents, Eddie Bell and Pearlie Turner, Yank Foster and Mayreel Walton; six aunts, and four uncles.

Survivors include his daughter: Sherrie Foster; granddaughter: Sir'Nhyia Townsend; three sisters: Michelle Foster and Stephanie (Terry) Adams, both of New Brockton; and Lannie (Clayton) Favors, Panama City, Fla.; two brothers: Johnny (Margaret) Foster, Level Plains, Ala.; Stanley Foster, Fredericksburg Va.; a daughter: Natasha A. Brown; five grandchildren: Devonte, W-Kierstyn, Jaloni, Samone, Shanti and Jaylon; and one great-granddaughter: Taelynn A. Lee; two very special nieces: Karen Spurill and Ana Caldwell (Deona, Dylan, Yada), and her very special nephews: Cory, W-Shay Howe (Kinley, Camden), Cedric Howe (Shania Howe).

STEVEN FOSTER

Mr. Steven Foster of New Brockton, Ala. died

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home, Enterprise, directing.

May Dora Walker was born in Coffee County on March 5, 1951, to the late Willie Frank Johnson Sr. and Susie Anna Lee Johnson. She received her formal education from Crossroads in Coffee County.

May Dora was preceded in death by her parents;

siblings, Wendell Jackson, Willie Frank Johnson, Willie Arthur Lee, Joann Johnson, and two siblings that passed away during birth, children: LeAnna Walker, Willie James Walker Jr., and Annette Walker.

Survivors include the love of her life: Willie James Walker Sr., Enterprise; four children: Nathaniel (Tammy) Johnson and Lisa Cade, both of Enterprise, Aretha (Jerome) McCray, Chancellor Ala., and Ashley (Tyrone) Cummings, Atlanta Ga.; 10 grandchildren: Jerome McCray Jr., Anastasia Foster (Shawn), Anthony Purvis, Nathaniel Poth, Talaina (Stedman) Burks, Kathleen (Eric) Hill, Sasha Cade (Jarvais), Adriana Smith (Celeste), Trevor Smith (Nina), Makala McCray, William Walker, Michael Boswell and A'Tyryhana Cummings; a host of great-grandchildren: Na'ryah, Zaiyah, Zealyn, K'Mya, Quintarius, Craig, Tyler, Asaiah, Kobe, Lake; four siblings: Willie Pearl (Eddie) Moultrie, Fort

Collins, and a great-grandson, Justin Childers.

Survivors include her son: Gary (Kathleen)

Kelley; step daughters: Karla (Tim) Johnson,

and Karon McDaniel; her

grandchildren: Matthew

Kelly and Amanda Kelly;

her step grandchildren:

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CHURCH & LIFESTYLES



The Elba High School Class of 1966 Reunion was held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at the Elba Masonic Lodge. There were 27 class members plus guests in attendance as all started gathering at 10 a.m. for fellowship and food. A meal of barbecue, rice, slaw and potato salad was served, along with some desserts. Fun was enjoyed by all. Everyone missed the ones unable to attend but hope they can make it next February. Those pictured above include: (front, left to right) Elaine Miller Holt, Page Rowe DeVane, Martha Kendrick Daniels, Clevis Bowden Ammons, Sara Warr Strong, Lenore Anglin Tanner, Margaret Wilson, Judy Daniels Rhodes, and teacher Sylvia Jones Padgett; (middle row, left to right) Jackey Tindol, Harry Young, Kenneth Baker, Loretta Ellenburg Wilson, and Janice Davis McCall; (back row, left to right) Jerry Brown, Roger Dale Boothe, Tommy Boothe, David Blackmon, Randy Ross, Jerome Blackmon, Eddie Thompson, Butch Oggs, Lewey Stephens, Neal Hutto, Terry Calhoun, Merrill Shirley, and Bobby Edmondson.

Paul & Gabriel Jackson release book on Christian parenting

A midwest publisher has recently released a new book by a father/son team of authors entitled "Coaching by Dad: Discover your influence, raise Jesus followers, and build lasting legacy one quarter at a time."

Paul Jackson, pastor of Elba's Covenant Community Church, draws from decades of life experience in the role of a father and pastor, sharing practical insights and wisdom that dads can instantly apply. The book targets dads, young and old, who aim to forge a deeper connection with their children.

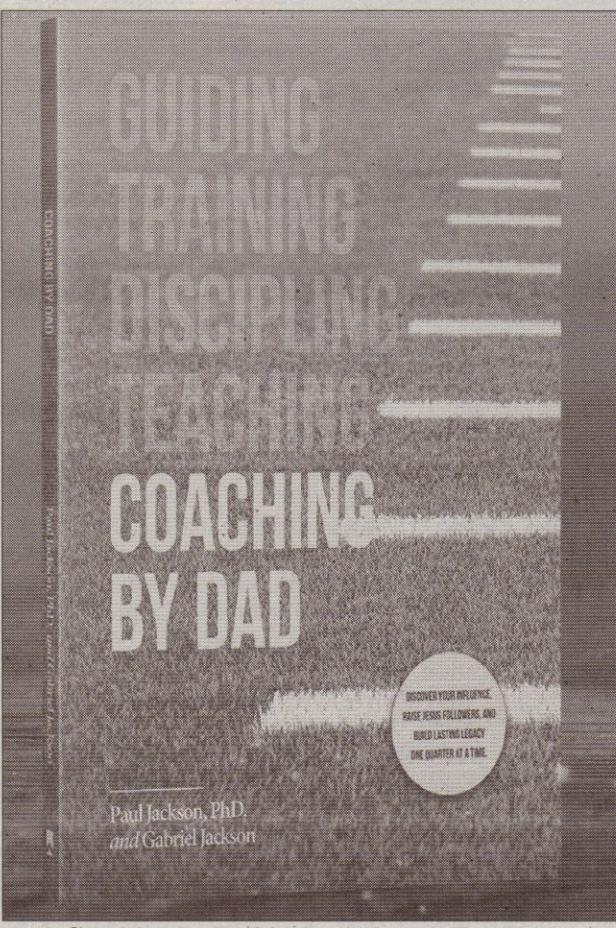
Accompanying each chapter are reflection questions spurring engagement from the reader.

The book is co-authored by Paul's son, Gabriel Jackson.

"Paul and Gabe offer wise counsel on how to help your kids thrive emotionally and spiritually," says Focus on the Family president Jim Daly.

Pat Williams, co-founder of the Orlando Magic, adds, "Honest and thoroughly biblical. I could not recommend this book more highly."

The book is a one-of-a-kind toolkit, designed to demonstrate the ups and



Coaching by Dad is the Jackson's first book

downs of parenthood with transparency and vulnerability.

Published by Tall Pine Books, the title is available on Amazon for purchase in hardcover, paperback, and eBook formats. It

Elba Senior Citizens Center and SARCOA bringing BINGOcize® for seniors to Elba

The Elba Senior Citizen Center, located at 304 Factory Street, will begin hosting BINGOcize® each Monday and Wednesday starting Monday, March 6th!

This is a six-week health promotion program for seniors that combines the game of BINGO with exercise. All are invited to come play and meet new people while learning about techniques to reduce the rise of COVID-19.

BINGOcize® is for all seniors age 60 and older, and participants do not have to be a member at the Elba Senior Center to

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Scripture: A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress. Psalm 6: 1-10

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Subway employees, Rushie Culver, Albert Walker, Gladys Wright, Min. Randy Miller, Shelia Magwood, Robyn Patterson, Brandon Kelley

March Birthdays / Anniversaries
Mark Whitfield 3/16
Jimmy/Samella T. Edwards 3/18 W.A.

Devin Luckett 3/21
Chance Goosby 3/21
Terrence Kyles 3/21
Jessie M. Coleman 3/21 (in memory)
Winzell Gray 3/22 (in memory)

Min. Joe Smith Jr. 3/22
Stephanie Chism 3/23
Mark Harris 3/23
Susan Nunn Marler 3/23
Rory Vignola 3/23

Receiving Mercy, Extending Mercy

When a drug deal went bad, Bob's brother was killed by a guy named Harvey, whom Bob and his brother had known well. Vowing revenge, Bob went on the hunt for Harvey but lost track of him. Then Bob himself got into trouble with the law and went to jail. Lo and behold, Harvey ended up in the same prison.

Although by then Bob had come to Christ and let go of his vow of revenge, he still could not fully forgive. One day, in a common area for inmates, Harvey timidly asked Bob for mercy. Bob, now a forgiven man in Christ, was finally able

to extend that mercy to his brother's killer.

Imagine our heavenly King's delight when Bob forgave his brother's penitent killer. These days, Bob and Harvey attend worship service together every week. Even in the most difficult of circumstances, through the power of the Holy Spirit we can find the ability to forgive our offenders – to extend the same mercy to them that God generously offered to us. – D.S.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 3/2/23

True or False
Q: Some Pharisees circumvented the command to honor parents.

A: True [Matthew 15: 4-6]

Q: A man in Jesus' Parable was forgiven a debt but refused to forgive another's debt of the same amount.

A: True [Matthew 18: 23-30]

Thought to Remember
We are rewarded not for running the race but for finishing it.

Questions for the Week of 3/9/23

True or False

Q: The parable of the unjust judge teaches that we should always pray.

Q: Jesus said everyone who seeks to enter the gate of God's Kingdom will be able to.

Q: One invited guest said he couldn't come because he had just got married.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Military Support Group Meetings:

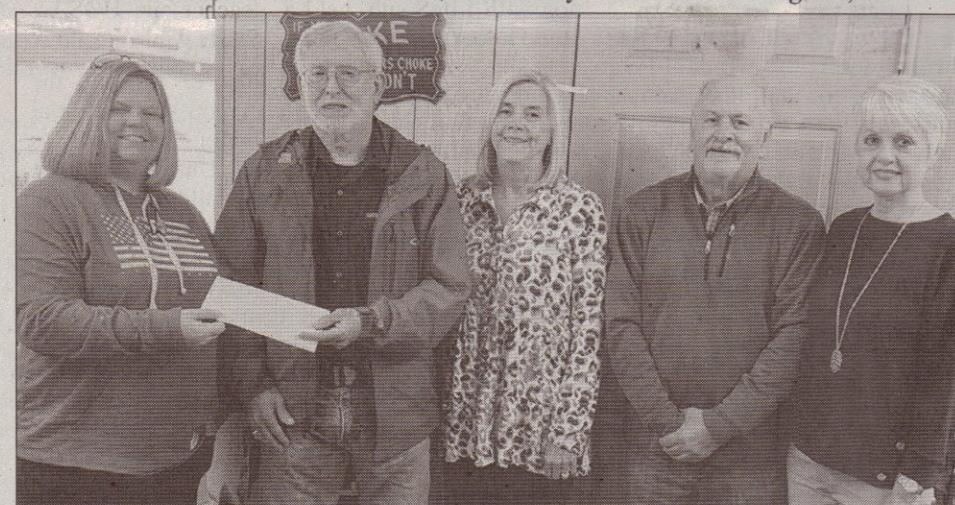
Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Saturday,
March 4, 2023
6-10 a.m.

National Security Group Conference Center

Dine In or Takeout



The Elba High School Class of 1972 recently made a \$500 donation to the Elba High School Alumni Association to assist with funding scholarships and other needs at Elba City Schools. Linda Hodge (left), president of the Elba High School Alumni Association, accepted the donation check from members of the Class of '72, including Joe Prior, Jane Nicholson, Joey Daniels, and Gwen Mullinax. Hodge thanked the class members for their generous donation, and she said it is donations like this that allow the Elba High School Alumni Association to continue to meet the needs of Elba City Schools as they arise.

Harris speaks to John Coffee DAR members

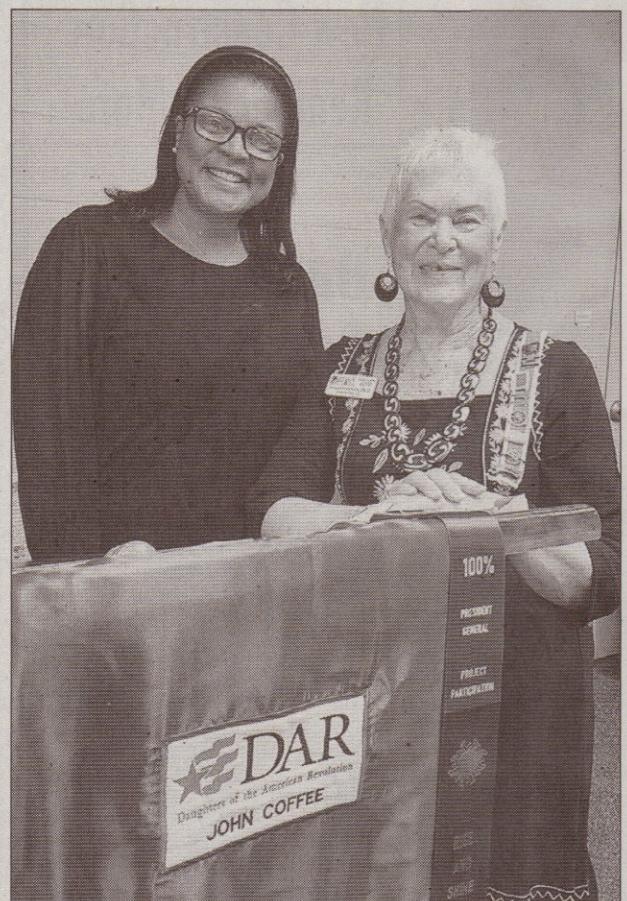
Sheila Harris, director of the Enterprise Public Library, was a recent speaker at the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution John Coffee Chapter on what is currently available at the library.

The Enterprise Public Library serves a new legal service area of 44,360 residents of Enterprise and Coffee County and for the period Oct-Dec 2022, checked out 8,127 items, which included printed books, audios, DVDs, video game and launchpads. During this quarter, there were 12,921 in-person visits, 235 new cardholders (32,330 total cardholders), 1,276 computer logins, 71 notarizations, 4 proctor exams, Bookmobile outreach to Madison Heights, Kelly Place and Hillcrest Elementary and made many copies for patrons gleaning \$1,855 for the library fund.

Harris and her staff have more than lived up to their mission statement, "...to promote free and open access to information, materials and services to all members of the community, inspire lifelong learning and creativ-

ity, advance knowledge, while enhancing the quality of life for residents of Coffee County." They provide one-on-one assistance to individuals who may be having issues with their cell phone or computers.

Contact the library at 334-347-2636 for an appointment for assistance with a device. Visit them at 101 E. Grubbs Street and see all the improvements and amenities that have been made.



Sheila Harris (left) and John Coffee DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins (right)



Faculty Spotlight

by Heidi Smith and Emily Mosley

How many years have you been teaching? I have been teaching for 7 years.

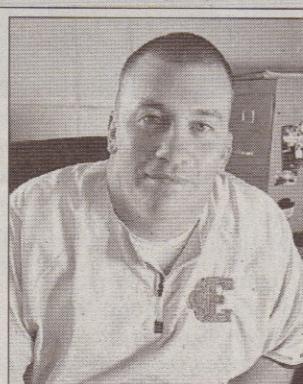
Where did you go to college? University of Mobile and the University of West Alabama.

What is your degree? Master's Degree in History Education

Tell us about your family: I have a beautiful wife named Megan and we have two sons together. (Grayson/4 years old) (Braxton/1 year old)

What do you love about EHS? I love the kids. I love building relationships with my students and helping them to be their best. I also enjoy working at a school where the town is involved and works hard to provide for all students.

What do you like to do in your free time? In my free time I like to play with my two boys and spend time with them.



Jesse Luker
7th & 8th Grade History

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Watching students enjoy being in my classroom. Watching students enjoy and have fun learning.

ELBA SCHOOL NEWS



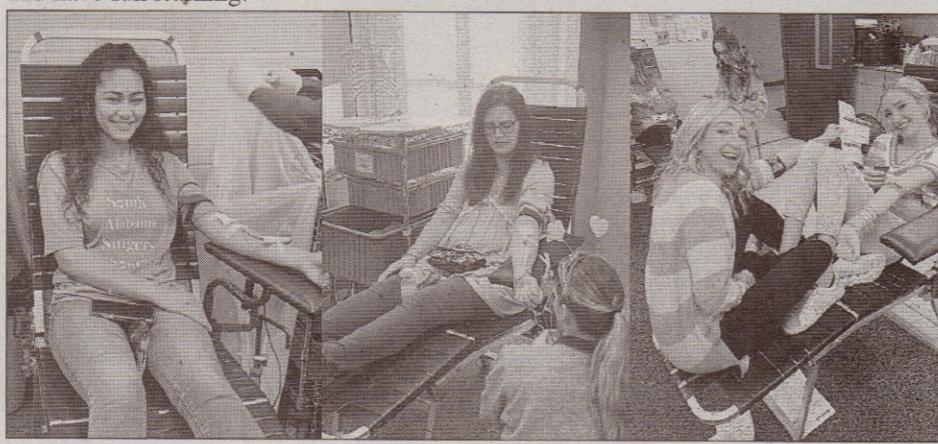
Local area students are shown listening to a guest speaker during the ACT Bootcamp workshop held Monday, Feb. 20, at Enterprise State Community College.

ACT Bootcamp Workshop held recently at ESCC

by Rachel Brunson, Ivy Myrick & Rebekah Duncan

On Monday, Feb. 20, approximately 20 students from area schools went to an ACT Bootcamp at Enterprise State Community College [ESCC], including some students from Elba High School.

The event was sponsored by TRIO Educational Talent Research. The ACT Bootcamp was to prepare students for their ACT test.



Students and faculty at Elba High School donated 37 units of blood during the Feb. 14th blood drive held at the school. Among the donors was (from left) student Ivy Myrick, teacher Shelia Johnson, and students/sisters Danielle and Destinee Tidwell.

Just under 40 units of blood donated during Feb. 14th blood drive at Elba High School

by Izaiah Johnson and Sean Oates

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Elba High School's HOSA organization, in conjunction with LifeSouth, held a blood drive.

The blood drive was a huge success as students and faculty members from both the high school and elementary school donated 37 units of blood.

"I was very touched at the number of students that do donated. My heart was so full with the generosity and servant hearts of our students," health sciences teacher and HOSA advisor Starla Amison said. "I can't think of a better gift to give on Valentine's Day than the gift of life."

EHS sophomore Ivy Myrick was happy to donate blood.

Student-Athlete Spotlight

by Jacob Ledbetter and Jayce Jones

What sports do you play at EHS and for how long? I play football, baseball and basketball. I have been playing sports for EHS for 3 years.

What is your favorite part of being on a team at EHS? I like being around my friends and competing.

What is some advice you would give to younger players? Always listen to your coaches and work hard.

Who is your role model and why? Mike Trout because he is a hard worker and plays the game with all he has.

What are your plans



Ty Sieving
Junior, age 16

for the future? After high school I plan to attend college and pursue a degree in agriculture.

Band Member Spotlight

by Jonas Magana & Keaton Poole

Instrument/Section:
Trombone/Danceline/Drum Major

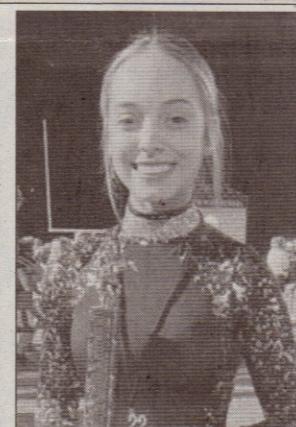
How long have you been in the band? Since 5th grade, 7 years total.

What is your best memory from your time in the band? Receiving all 1's at every band contest and competition after many hard days/nights during band camp and practices.

What is some advice you would give to younger band members? Keep trying and don't give up on your dreams.

Who is your role model/ who inspires you and why? Mrs. Starla Amison, she has taught me different life lessons and skills throughout many years of being a family friend and teacher.

What are your plans for



Faith Adcock
Senior, Age 17

the future? Attend LBW Community College at MacArthur Campus in Opp, and pursue an Associate's Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. I plan to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology as an ultrasound technician.

ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair

Thursday, March 2nd

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

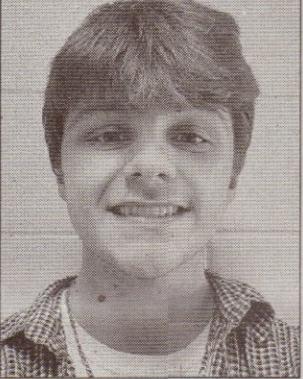
Elba High School

There will be about 25 employers on site!

This event is open to the public

Student Spotlight

by Ty Sieving and Conner Herrington



Keaton Poole
Junior, Age 17

What do you love about EHS? The atmosphere along with the staff.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to work out, play video games, go for drives, and listen to music.

What clubs & organizations are you involved in at EHS? I'm involved in football, band, and senior beta.

What are your plans for the future? I plan to attend college where I will go into physical therapy.

What is your favorite subject in school? My favorite subject is History because Coach Gilmore really gets into the lessons and makes the work collegiate level.

Support Our Schools!

Online registration for Elba's FIRST Class Pre-K program underway

Pre-Registration is underway for the FIRST CLASS PRE-K, Alabama Voluntary Pre-K Program at Elba City Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

Online pre-registrations are being accepted until March 23, 2023. Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2023. Children who are eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for Pre-K.

Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residence – either a current utility bill or a copy of a lease or mortgage. Public school system Pre-K programs have zoning requirements that determine eligibility for attending a program at a particular school.

There is no registration fee.

Upon enrollment, a child's immunization record must be provided to the school or program. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

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- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023
For second tourney of season on Alabama BASS Nation High School Trail Tiger Division

Zion Chapel Bass Team enjoys good day on Lake Eufaula

Although the water was rough, the wind was cold, and the rain was nonstop, these rigid conditions did not stop team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young of the Zion Chapel Bass Team and their trusty boat captain, Taylor Renfroe. In other words, February 11, 2023, on Lake Eufaula, was a tough day but rewarding day.

This was the second tournament of this season on the Alabama BASS Nation High School Trail Tiger Division for the Zion Chapel Team.

As Avery Padgett put it, "Eufaula was good to us again! While getting beat to



ZC anglers Ethan Young and Avery Padgett and their boat captain Taylor Renfroe with the five fish that vaulted the team to a fifth place finish Feb. 11th on Lake Eufaula.

G. W. Long for winning the big fish award.

Team Padgett/Young also won the Freedom Marine Center Contingency money (\$1,000) for the seventh consecutive time. They give a big shoutout to Kenneth Chambers for afford-

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SPORTS NEWS

Baseball - Softball

SCOREBOARD

Statistics by GAMECHINGER

Tigers struggle in season openers

The Elba Tigers opened the baseball season last week with three road games and found life on the road to be challenging as they lost to Samson 20-16, Geneva 11-1 and Luverne 19-6.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Samson 20 Elba 16

The Elba Tigers opened their season with a wild 20-16 road loss to Samson. The Tigers jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, but saw the early lead vanish in a game that included 20 hits, 8 errors and 30 walks. Brady Johnson had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Elba, while Ty Sieving and Easton McKelvy both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Brayden Johnson added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi.

Geneva 11 Elba 1

The Elba Tigers fell behind 5-0 early and never recovered in an 11-1 loss to Geneva. Brady Johnson and Ty Sieving both had 1 hit to lead the Tigers, while Cameron Gray scored 1 run. Cayden Adkins and Cameron Gray combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits, while striking out six.

Luverne 19 Elba 1

The Elba Tigers saw an early 3-0 lead vanish quickly in a 19-6 loss to Luverne. Brady Johnson had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Tigers, while Ty Sieving added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Easton McKelvy added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Brayden Johnson added 1 hit. Four Elba pitchers combined to throw four innings and allowed nine earned runs on nine hits and thirteen walks.

BASEBALL – VARSITY:

Charles Henderson 10 Zion Chapel 2

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 7-0 early and never recovered in a 10-2 loss to Charles Henderson. Wes Braisted had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels, while Austin Jordan added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Mason Stuart added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Morgan Sanders and John Foster Hamm both added 1 hit.

Headland 8 New Brockton 6

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored six runs in the sixth inning to pull even, but gave up a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh in an 8-6 loss to Headland. Blake Peterson and Jaxon Whitworth both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Dawson Peacock added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Carroll 4 New Brockton 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their early-season victory drought continue with a 4-2 loss to Carroll. The Gamecocks fell behind 4-0 in the opening inning and never caught up. Jaxon Whitworth had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Gabe Herrington and Blake Peterson both added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Payton Green and Colton McCleary both added 1 hit. Hunter Bedsole and Kyle GaVette combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits, while striking out nine.

Kinston 11 Emmanuel Christian 0

The Kinston Bulldogs scored in every inning to post an 11-0 win over Emmanuel Christian. Cade Jones had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Marcus Free added 2 hits and scored 1 run; CJ Lunsford added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's on a home run; and, Cale Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Cale Sumblin was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed one hit, while striking out 10, and Drew Branch pitched one inning and recorded three strikeouts.

New Brockton 9 Zion Chapel 4

New Brockton's Payton Green blasted a two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning to ignite a seven-run rally as the Gamecocks claimed a wild 9-4 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Payton Green and Jaxon Whitworth both had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Dawson Peacock and Riley Simmons both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Kyle GaVette and Hayden Pope both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Payton Green, Hunter Bedsole and Jacob Fisher combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, while striking out 10. Brady Flowers had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while

Brantley 7 Headland 2

The Headland Bulldogs scored five runs in their

first three innings to pull ahead 5-0 in the fourth and never gave up a run to post a 7-2 win over Headland. Anna Free had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Payton Green and Payton Green both added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Zion Chapel 5 New Brockton 4

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an early 4-2 deficit to pull into a 5-5 tie with the Zion Chapel Rebels. Brayden Benbow had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Trent Elrod added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Macon Allen added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Jonathan Douglas and Dylan Davis combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits, while recording eight strikeouts. Kylen Radcliffe had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Griffin Wood added 1 hit and 1 rbi and Brayden Crumpler added 1 hit. Cooper Medley and Colton Cain combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, with seven strikeouts.

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